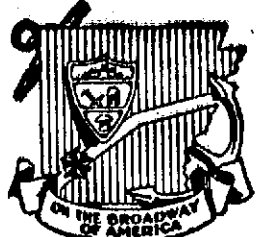




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Splitting Up the Sales Tax

Means Breaking Faith With People

Little Rock reports tell us of an impending political raid on the state sales tax. The Arkansas Municipal League and the Arkansas County Judges association are said to be sponsoring a bill to split off 5 per cent of the first 8 million dollars of sales tax collections and give it to the city and county governments.

Ways, Means Member Hits Ruml Tax Plan

—Washington

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the House Ways and Means committee today vigorously challenged contentions of Beardsley Ruml, sponsor of a ship — year tax plan, that his idea would improve the "financial well-being of the government."

Doughton, voicing opposition to any plan for all-out forgiveness of a year of tax liability for individual income taxpayers, put them on a pay — as you earn basis, asked Ruml, who is chairman of the New York Federal Reserve board, why if his contentions were correct "you don't sell that to all business people and have them cancel debts by their customers?"

Ruml had just completed a plea for his plan when Doughton fired questions.

The big, jovial banker contended that putting the tax liability one year ahead, and skipping one year of liability, would bring more money into the treasury than the present system does.

He had also told the committee that "much confusion" had been caused by discussions of "forgiving" a year's taxes. He contended his plan would involve "forgiving" as the word meant "that would be a year when taxpayers made no payments and the treasury got no revenue."

"Nothing could be farther from the truth," Ruml contended.

He insisted that withholding taxes on 1942 incomes should be made effective not later than April 1.

"I don't believe the average taxpayer, in view of the needs of our government," Doughton declared, "wants to get out of an obligation to his government."

"I couldn't sleep good in times like these if I didn't pay the government a debt I was able to pay, and thus passed the debt on to the boys now fighting all over the world."

RAF Follows Up Night Raid on Germans

London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the United States Army Air Force attacked targets in Northwestern Germany today, it was announced.

It was the second time the big American bombers have carried the war into Germany by daylight. In their first raid the Naval base at Wilhelmshaven and Emden shipping industries were bombed on a heavy scale eight days ago.

Although the target of today's raid was not identified immediately, the Americans may well have made a repeat flight to Wilhelmshaven, where they destroyed 22 Nazi fighters in their first attack.

Other likely targets in that area are the Kiel canal and the numerous large factories making U-boat parts.

The size of the raiding force was not disclosed, but official word that heavy bombers participated indicated that Flying Fortresses or Liberators — or both — were used. Both had a part in the fuel raid last week.

A Berlin broadcast here described the bombers as British. It said they were intercepted by strong German fighter squadrons soon after crossing the western German frontier and were "compelled to turn back after sustaining heavy losses."

The American slanders say "Okay" but the Australians say "Good."

The doughboy calls food "chow" but the Anzac soldier call it "lucker."

Hamburg Heavily Bombarded by Big RAF Planes

London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Royal Air Force bombers heavily attacked Hamburg last night in a raid in which 16 planes are missing, the British air ministry announced today.

The North German seaport previously had been bombed last Saturday night.

The British losses indicated a force of upwards of 300 bombers on the presumption that they were on the order of five per cent.

An authoritative British statement said: "Hamburg was heavily attacked by our bombers last night. Sixteen of our aircraft are missing."

The communiqué said "large fires were left burning."

The raid, the 95th on Hamburg since the start of the war, carried on the RAF's campaign against the U-boat by striking at the sources of Germany's undersea power.

The British said Hamburg's big ship-building yards turn out more U-boats than any other place in Germany. Hamburg is Germany's second city, with a population of 1,700,000.

The RAF attacked Hamburg 24 hours after it had hit Cologne with 100 block-busting 4,000-pound bombs and thousands of incendiaries.

The German New Agency DNB reported the RAF apparently was following through with a daylight raid.

"A strong formation of British bombers today flew over the frontier of western Germany," the agency said. The raiders, DNB said, were engaged upon crossing the frontier by "strong German fighters" and "violent air duels followed."

It declared, "The enemy suffered considerable losses" and that "this attempted daylight raid can be regarded as frustrated."

Further indications the British and possibly the United States air force were making one of the biggest daylight air offensives of the war came soon after noon today when Allied bombers and fighters were heard roaring across the strait of Dover. They appeared to be heading in the direction of Abbeville.

Today's German communiqué referring briefly to the raid on Hamburg last night claimed 28 British planes were shot down "in the area of the city."

Meanwhile there was slight enemy activity over coastal areas of northeast England early last night. Bombs were dropped at scattered points but it was stated only slight damage. No casualties were reported.

Reapportionment Bill Again Introduced

Little Rock, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Sen. Julian James, Jonesboro, introduced today his long-promised bill to reapportion the state's seven congressional districts.

Denying the bill was intended to embrace any office holder, James said, "any congressman will have plenty of time to move to whatever district he wants to represent, and I want to extend a personal invitation to congressmen to look gallantly to move from West Memphis to Jonesboro."

James has expressed a desire to seek election to congress himself.

Unbelievers
Farragut, Idaho.—Two blue-jackets at the Farragut Naval Training Station were penalized for smoking while at work.

They were painting signs—which read: "No smoking."

Best — Trick Dept.
Denver—He didn't do it to show off, explains Russian-born Gregor Platigorsky, but —

He's given concerts in unheated buildings of his homeland where the people eagerly to shiver as they listened eagerly. . . .

And he played his cello while wearing mittens — to keep warm.

Robbery Motive in Slaying Considered

Chicago, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A robbery angle as a possible motive for the slaying of pretty Stella Carey took on added significance by police today on the strength of a report that a man was seen fleeing from her apartment shortly before she was killed Tuesday.

Although police pressed their investigation to linking the killing of the model and night club dice girl to a robbery, they said other theories had not been abandoned. Other possible motives, police said, were that Miss Carey was killed by an angry suitor, a jealous woman rival or for revenge.

Capt. William Drury said a tenant on the first floor of the apartment building in which Miss Carey was found bludgeoned and burned to death reported she had seen a man come down the rear stairs carrying two women's coats over his arm. Miss Carey lived in a third floor apartment and two expensive fur coats were reported missing by her roommate.

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Navy Verifies Air Attack on Guadalcanal

With the U. S. Fleet in the South Pacific, Feb. 2.—(Delayed)—(AP)—The first night bombing attack by Japanese planes on American surface vessels covering operations at Guadalcanal was reported today. The results of the attack were not disclosed.

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The assault may indicate a resumption of Japanese air activity strangely absent in the Solomons area within recent weeks.

Fleet officials recalled that enemy planes dropped flares during the night battle off Savo Island August 9, when three U. S. cruisers were sunk, and the January 29 attack was the first instance of actual night bombing.

The Japanese possibly are following the example set by American divebombers in carrying out night attacks during the Battle of Midway.

January 29 — last Friday — was the date on which the Tokyo radio asserted February 1 that Japanese planes had attacked and sunk two American battleships and three cruisers off Rennell Island, at the southern tip of the Solomons chain 100 miles from Guadalcanal.

The Tokyo claims have been termed gross exaggerations by Naval sources in Washington, which, however, disclosed both sides have suffered losses in what apparently is a developing enemy challenge to reconquer Guadalcanal.

(Radio Tokyo, quoting a Japanese communiqué, indicated the Japanese beginning last Friday and continuing into Saturday, was carried out entirely by air units, and Dornier, in another broadcast, identified them as torpedo planes. The communiqué admitted the loss of ten of these craft, and declared that in addition to inflicting destruction on the American surface vessels, the attackers downed three intercepting fighter planes. Other American warships were said to have been damaged.)

Candidates Draw Places on Ballot

Candidates in the only contested race for mayor of Hope met early today and drew for places on the ballot. E. P. Young drew first place followed by W. S. Atkins and Albert Graves, incumbent.

The present aldermen from four Hope wards and the city treasurer have no opposition, while no candidate announced for the city attorney's office which was vacated by E. P. McFadden.

The preferential primary election will be held Thursday, February 18, with the runoff primary scheduled for Thursday, March 4.

34 FELONS PAROLED
Little Rock, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Thirty-four paroles were granted by the State Parole Board yesterday. They included (county, date of sentence, term, crime):

Bill Maxey, Columbia, Aug. 25, 1935, 21 years, first degree murder.
Harvey Pennington, Jefferson, Dec. 4, 1941, three years, burglary and grand larceny.

The ancestor of the modern typewriter was patented by C. L. Sholes in 1860.

Americans, Japs Maneuvering for Positions

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Like two heavyweight boxers feeling each other out, flicking tentative but punishing jabs here and there, United States and Japanese Naval units are maneuvering in the Southwest Pacific for a stance from which to throw a haymaker.

From this corner there was only word that air and surface engagements "are continuing," but it appeared from the Navy's restraint that a titanic struggle was shaping up for control of Guadalcanal Island with its all-important airfield.

Naval spokesmen repeated that both sides have suffered losses, but one of them emphasized "the whole thing is a sparring for position," with the two major fleet units not yet joined in an all-out slugfest.

Both sides were swapping aerial blows.

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Rate Reduction Would Affect Consumers

Little Rock, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Arkansas consumers would be affected if the Federal Power Commission should order a reduction of rates charged the Lake Catherine, an aluminum plant by Arkansas Power and Light Company, an Arkansas utilities commission spokesman told the FPC today.

J. E. Flanders, sole witness for the state agency, testified that P. & L. refunds to consumers would be lowered if rates to the aluminum plant were reduced.

The A. P. & L. will refund \$625,000 on excess earnings for 1942.

Flanders said it was a policy of the Arkansas utilities commission to order companies to refund excess earnings to consumers rather than to lower rates.

The federal works agency, an intervenor, is expected to place on the stand today Douglas Wright, manager of Grand River Dam which supplies 32,500 kw to re-financed Ark-La cooperative, for the aluminum plant.

Payroll Plan Sells 45% of the War Bonds

Forty-five per cent of the total War Bond sales in the nation are attributed to the Payroll Savings Plan, Moody Moore, deputy administrator of the Arkansas War Savings Staff in Little Rock, told the Hempstead county staff and representative employers gathered at Hope city hall at 10 o'clock this morning on the call of County Chairman Albert Graves.

Mr. Moore urged 100 per cent application of the Payroll Savings Plan to local industries and business houses. He made the point that when a citizen invests in War Bonds or Savings Stamps he not only helps finance the war and checks the bidding-up of commodity prices, but he is providing for his own security in the period after the war.

The speaker reported that the nation bought 10 billion dollars worth of War Bonds in 1942, of which Arkansas bought 45 millions.

The May-December quota for Arkansas was 32 millions, and actual purchases were 33 millions.

Hempstead county's May-December quota was \$360,000, and actual purchases were \$357,000. But the county's complete 1942 purchases totaled \$515,562.

Mr. Moore pointed out that for quota purposes emphasis should be placed first on the sale of Series E bonds, for the Series F and Series G bonds, and for War Savings Stamps, do not count on quotas. Thus the sale of thousands of dollars' worth of the larger-investor series bonds did not count toward Hempstead's quota in 1942.

One important change in bond-purchase limitations was noted by Mr. Moore. Heretofore the limit any individual might invest singly or as co-owner in Series E bonds in any one year was \$5,000. But the limit has been raised, so that Series E buyers may acquire as much as \$10,000 worth per year in co-ownership.

14 Axis Supply Ships Are Sunk Off Tunisia As Signs Point to Big Allied Push

By The Associated Press
London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—In sea and air blows paving the way for heavy land assault in North Africa, the Allies announced today the destruction of 14 — perhaps 16 — Axis supply ships in the narrow mid-Mediterranean approaches to Tunisia, where the German-Italian defense line was tested anew for weak spots.

British forces captured a height known as Hill 648 in a renewal of fighting six miles southeast of Bou Arada in the Jebel Mansour area, midway between Medjez Bab and Robaa, an Allied communiqué said. It described the gain, however, as a "limited success."

Meanwhile field dispatches reported that the American striking force which captured Sened and dug in a mile east of the town on the rail line through Maknassy to the coast had taken prisoner an Italian general.

Allied bombers attacked the port of Gabes and enemy positions near Maknassy, and for one of the few times since the start of the fight for Tunisia they lost more planes than they shot down. The communiqué said six Axis planes were destroyed to eight Allied planes missing.

Strong German forces apparently still held important Faid pass on the central Tunisian front, inland from Sfax, where they had held against an American counter-attack.

The British Eighth Army appeared to be massing for its next attack in a correlated squeeze on the Axis in Tunisia.

A Cairo communiqué reported British patrol activity along the whole Libyan-Tunisian border front, and although it mentioned no specific advances yesterday the main body of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's force apparently was piling up behind Faid, 12 miles from the frontier.

Four small enemy vessels were sent to the bottom by Allied bombers from east which ranged the Tunisian coast and southern Italian waters.

An admiralty communiqué said British submarines, hitting hard at the Tunisian supply line, destroyed ten U-boats in the past few days, and probably sank two of three more ships which were attacked.

The submarine successes were scored in operations from the Tunisian coast, within gun range of the shore, to the strait of Messina, between Italy and Sicily.

Striking by daylight yesterday, B-24 Liberators of the U. S. Army's Ninth Air Force attacked shipping (Continued on Page Two)

Allies Building Huge Arsenal Behind Lines

By RICE YHNER
London (Delayed)—(AP)—The battle of North Africa — if not the battle of Europe itself — is being won by the day-day developments in Algeria and Morocco far behind the front lines.

While the steadily swelling United Nations air force has been pasting Germans and Italians in North Africa every possible day, ground forces have been patrolling and hitting here and there in sticky mud-drenching rain and sometimes snow and biting cold.

This activity at the front is the routine of war. Behind the lines there is a buildup, a crushing force of men, munitions and supplies — the job really vital to winning.

Tactics and strategy — the employment of the strength available — it the lesser part of the job. They can be won, and victory still may be possible if overwhelming force is employed. But if the stores of food, bullets, gasoline, tanks, planes, guns, and men are inadequate, the most brilliant tactics and strategy are crippled.

From what I have seen in about 5,000 miles flying in a month in the African theater, there can be no doubt of the outcome when the Allied force lets loose.

Everywhere are planes. There are all types with combat crews ready for the front after a final checkup and servicing. Great hidden supply bases and ammunition dumps are strung out for more than a thousand miles from Morocco to Tunisia.

By ship from the United Kingdom and the United States, reinforcements are arriving as fast as docks can handle the ships, planes flying across the South Atlantic daily — fighting ships and literally "flying boxcars" filled with prime cargo.

The most optimistic guess of when the Axis can be beaten in North Africa — and no one who has seen the preparations can doubt the final outcome — would be four months hence. Six months would be good time.

Even though the Axis supply lines, both from home bases and from Africa depots, are much shorter than the Allies, the Germans and Italians undoubtedly are already second in the number of men and the amount of equipment in the theater. The numbers at the front ready to fight are, of course, military information.

Either because the Axis doesn't dare to brave Allied fighters and aircraft defenses or doesn't have the fighters and bombers to spare, they rarely attack Allied bases and shipping. Lone Wolf submarines get a ship now and then but at present there are no pack raids in the Mediterranean.

In fact, in a ship convoy trip to Africa and flying trips behind the front lines and back to England, I still have to hear a hostile shot or see an enemy in the air or on the sea.

Allied soldiers — even the previously unfired Americans — are confident they can outfight the enemy.

Sever Rail Line; Sea Only Way for Nazis to Escape

By EDDY GILMORE
Moscow, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The last Axis troops in the Caucasus were reported today being driven back toward a sea of Azov "Dunkerque" as the Red Army's tightening arc around Rostov cut the only remaining rail line of escape at Kischchevka, where the shallow Yaya river widens out to sea.

(Reports were heard in London that Russian warships and planes already were pounding at fleets of German ships hastily massed in the Novorossiysk area from which the invaders' troops might be ferried across the strait of Kerch to the Crimea.)

Rostov itself was menaced still, column which thrust up the rail more sharply by another Russian line from Salsk and captured Kagalnitskaya, 30 miles southeast of Rostov.

To the north, Red Army forces pressed their offensive fiercely to the west with gains north of Kursk, at the approach to Kharkov, and between Kharkov and Voroshilovgrad.

(A stepped up Russian offensive between the Don and Upper Donets was indicated today in the German high command communiqué broadcast from Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press.)

"In unceasing heavy defensive and mobile fighting against strong enemy formations which received further reinforcements, troops of the army supported by the air force repelled all outflanking attempts between the Don and Upper Donets," the communiqué said.

"In the western Caucasus also stronger attacks were repelled."

(The high command claimed "an important defensive success" in the battle of Lake Ladoga "which flared up again to full violence after the Soviets had brought up fresh forces.")

The recapture to Kupiansk, midway between Rostov and Voronezh, moved the Russian attack within 63 miles of the big German base at Kharkov.

Krasny Liman was recaptured, heightening the peril to Nazi positions at Voroshilovgrad. Krasny Liman is on the rail line the Germans used to rush reinforcements to the Voroshilovgrad area from Kharkov.

Another Russian force drove to Zolotukhino, cutting the main (Continued on Page Two)

Asserts Both Parties Anxious to Cooperate

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Representative Fulbright (D-Ark.) former president of the University of Arkansas, said today in a letter to constituents that many new Republican House members "are anxious to cooperate in the working out of a satisfactory solution to our international problems."

"The danger," Fulbright wrote, "is in the fact that there are a good many confirmed isolationists in the ranks of both parties. The fact is that the party label is not as significant as is the place of origin and the age of the members."

The freshman congressman, who is a new Democrat member of the House Foreign Affairs committee, said most young Republicans with whom he had talked "are agreed that our international policy should not be made a Partisan matter."

"It is, of course, natural and, in fact, the duty of the Republican leadership to try to obtain control of the government at the next election. Only in this manner can the people a Democracy be given an opportunity to exercise a choice in the selection of their leaders," he said.

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German Army Facing First Dunkerque in Caucasus

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By GLENN BABB

For the rest of this week the German nation will be in mourning for its Sixth Army, sacrificed at Stalingrad to Hitler's pride.

Doctor Goebbels evidently is out to squeeze the full measure of tragedy from the Sixth Army's fall in the hope of putting new iron into the German soul. Meanwhile the Red Army promises to present him with another disaster, should he need it for propaganda purposes, almost before the current period of mourning is over.

Moscow announces today the capture of several highly important towns, but perhaps the most significant is Kuschchevka, 43 miles south of Rostov. Its fall means the German forces remaining in the Caucasus, numbering perhaps a quarter million men, have lost control of the last railway by which they might have escaped overland through Rostov.

Hence the German army's first Dunkerque of the war is taking form. If the Caucasus forces are to avoid the fate of Marshal Paulus and his Sixth Army they must get away, across the Kerch strait to the Crimea or embark at Novorossiysk for a longer sea voyage in the Black sea.

The pattern of retribution stands out in the present plight of the Germans in Russia. It was the Sixth Army, now "sundered" by the superior strength of the enemy, which compelled Allied armies to succumb in the 1940 sweep across the low lands. Doubtless many of the soldiers now swarming toward the shores of the British as they huddled on the beach at Dunkerque. Now it is their turn to know the horror of those long waits under constant terror and destruction from the skies both ashore and aboard ship such as the British experienced along the coasts of France, Greece and Crete.

At several points the Russians have gained the line from which Hitler began last summer's offensive, running almost due north from the east-west of Rostov through Kursk. It should be only a matter of days before they have wiped out nearly all the territorial gains of 1942 which must have cost the fuhrer a million men permanently out of combat, dead, captured or maimed.

What is left of the 1942 conquests falls into three areas; the Caucasus trap from which the German are fleeing as rapidly as they may, the circle around Rostov which doubtless will be defended bitterly and a wide loop east of the Moscow-Rostov which probably will be held in quick succession by other Russian forces sweeping westward to come abreast of the spearheads which already have cut the railway above Kursk and below Kharkov.

The Nazi plan of campaign remains to be disclosed, but hints are strong that it involves withdrawal to a line already selected—perhaps that of the Dnieper and holding there while a new stroke is prepared.

The German command probably had hoped to use this winter for another "constructive pause" such as that they gave their armies last winter and to put fresh armies with new equipment in the field in the spring for a third attempt to destroy Russian resistance. This plan has been thrown sadly out of gear by events of the last ten

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Feb. 4 —(U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 8500; active; 25 to 35 higher than average Wednesday; sows 15 to 25 higher; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. 15.40-50; top 15.50; 240-310 lbs. 15.25-45; 140 - 160 lbs. 14.35-15.00; 150-180 lbs. 13.50-14.25; sows 14.75-15.15; stage 13.25 down; quotations based on hard hogs.

Cattle, 1500; calves, 600; supply very light; trading active and steady to strong on all classes; a few medium and good steers 13.00-14.75; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 12.00 - 14.00; common and medium cows 10.00-12.50; medium and good sausage bulls largely 12.50 - 13.75; good and choice vealers 16.00; slaughter heifers 9.75-15.50; stocker and feeder steers 9.50-13.75.

Sheep, 1200; salable receipts include two doubles southwest lambs hold over and around 150 trucked in natives; odd head good native lambs about steady at 15.75 down; market not fully established.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Feb. 4 —(P) Poultry, live 14 trucks; firm; prices unchanged.

14 Axis Supply

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and harbor installations at Palermo and Messina, in Sicily.

An Italian communiqué, which says the bombers attacked in waves, said they encountered in intense anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition, but the United States headquarters at Cairo declared "all aircraft returned."

The Italians said the attack was directed against "one of our air and naval bases," and reported that Ragusa, Sicily, and Reggio Calabria, at the toe of the Italian boot, also were raided.

A French communiqué, broadcast last night by the Morocco radio, declared the Allies had made progress in the southwest of the Djebel Serdj region, a range of hills seven miles north of Ousseltia.

The bulletin also reported heavy activity in the mountains between Ousseltia and airouan, 25 miles to the southeast and 36 miles southwest of the port of Sousse.

"A German attack carried out by one column led to rectification of the front in our favor," the communiqué said.

Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, the French commander and high commissioner for North and West Africa, meanwhile voiced complete confidence in ultimate victory.

"To all I declare my confidence in victory, my absolute certainty of German defeat," Giraud said in his message from North Africa; "our soldiers in Tunisia are showing our enemy they know how to fight and want to fight."

"The African Army finds once more its flame and faith. Be able to help with all your patience, with all your skill and with all your confidence."

Giraud announced the release of nine persons, mostly Jews, who had been arrested following the assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan. Two other men still are detained in their homes and three are in jail.

There was no indication whether American troops had been engaged in the fighting near Ousseltia, a French communiqué merely referring to "our forces."

The Americans, however, have been playing an important part in the action around Faid pass and around Sened, 50 miles to the south, where they were reported yesterday to have dug in astride the railway running from Gafsa to the Port of Mahares after a swift 20-mile advance.

The Berlin radio quoted a German military spokesman today as saying that advanced German elements near Sened had moved back "to parry an enveloping thrust by superior American forces."

The spokesman also referred to the French communiqué attack on both sides of Faid pass launched, it said, after the Americans "brought up a new division equipped with the most modern weapons, supported by a tank brigade."

It asserted the attack was repulsed after "violent fighting."

It was not clear what attack might have been referred to but presumably it was the operation reported in a communiqué yesterday from Allied headquarters in North Africa as having been unsuccessful.

weeks, but Berlin probably hopes to salvage part of it. The Nazi marshals doubtless are watching avidly for any evidence that Stalin may be repeating the error that Hitler committed in his drive to the Volga, that he may be overreaching himself, using up too much of his manpower and weapons.

The extent to which the German command has dipped into its reserves this winter remains a question; the comparative weakness of the one effort made to rescue Paulus' army by that December thrust from the southwest suggests at least that it decided that it was better to let the Sixth Army go than to spend too much on relief efforts. In any case it is certain that the German army still possesses a terrible strength and that Hitler and Goebbels hope it will fight in 1943 with a new, desperate resolve born of the conviction that the German nation is fighting for its life.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Feb. 4 —(P) — Mild recoveries crept into the stock market today after most leaders had spent the greater part of the session at slightly lower levels. The drift was a trifle downward at the start. Dealings then slowed and, when it became evident selling urgency was absent, a number of buyers took on scattered favorites at fractional advances. Although the tone of the list stiffened in the final hour, losers were plentiful near the close. Transfers were around 800,000 shares.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Feb. 4 (P) A persistent demand for wheat from houses which usually buy for mills pushed contracts up about a cent today. The strength in the broad cereal was reflected in other grains, where small gains were registered. Rye, which had sold off early, came back to go ahead of the preceding session's close.

Wheat closed 1-21 cent higher, May \$1.40 1-8—\$1.40, July \$1.39 5-8, corn was 1-8—3-8 higher, May 97 7-8—98, oats advanced 18, rye was unchanged to 1-4 up and soybeans were not traded.

Cash wheat, No. 2 mixed 1.46. Corn, No. 1 yellow 98 1-2; No. 2, 98-99 3-4; No. 3, 96 7 1-4; sample grade yellow 7-83.

Oats: No. 1 white 61; o. 2, 60; sample grade white 59 1-4—1-2.

Barley malting 88 — 1.05 nom; feed 72-84 nom.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 4 —(P) — Cotton prices took their cue today from the firmness in grains, turning upward after a lower opening.

Late prices were unchanged to 30 cents a bale higher, Mch. 1976, May 19.85 and July 19.42.

Futures closed unchanged to 35 cents a bale higher. Mch—opened, 19.80; closed 19.76-77. July—opened, 19.57; closed 19.54-55. Oct—opened, 19.43; closed 19.40-42. Dec—opened, 19.28; closed 19.27-28. Jan—opened, 19.25; closed, 19.24. Jan—closed, 19.21.

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Sever Rail

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railway 22 miles north of the German back to the line from which they started their 1942 offensive.

A Russian communiqué heard in London reported the capture of two more cities in a continuing offensive west of Voronezh and six strongly fortified towns had been won back near Krasny Liman.

On the front west of Voronezh the Russians said their gains carried them into territory the Germans had been confident of holding.

Tass said that in one place a Russian tank advance seized a large, carefully developed German airfield complete with underground fuel tanks, hangars, repair sheds and spare parts. Twelve planes were reported recaptured there undamaged.

The penetration of the German line north of Kursk was carried out under a heavy artillery barrage and with the use of forces of ski troops, Zvezdika reported.

The government newspaper said the ski troops struck so swiftly that they captured a German colonel shaving in his headquarters.

Unfair Share Chicago, — Jesse C. Stone of Oconomowoc, Wis., doesn't like the share the cab plan — it's too expensive.

Detective Roy Snow said Stone told him the cab in which he was riding stopped to pick up another passenger who took \$250 from Stone and then ejected him.

The cab driver, Snow said Stone related, drove off with his second customer.

Mileage of U. S. highways under state control increased from 324,000 in 1930 to 548,000 in 1940.



Montgomery of the Desert

1940: Evacuated his 3rd Division at tragic Dunkirk after nine-month continental campaign.

1918-42: Wounded twice World War I, Croix de Guerre, DSO; served in India, Holy Land; headed Southeastern (invasion coast) Command before Africa feat.

1942: Routed Rommel at Alamaina, keeping axis from Alexandria; chased Afrika Korps 1400 miles across Libya in 3-month battle.

1941: Commanded Home Guard. Stickler for fitness, he ordered calisthenics daily, six-mile run for all officers weekly.

Britain's Gen. Bernard Law Montgomery, Ulster-born officer of action, has succeeded where three generals before him failed in reaching Tripoli and driving the last axis soldier from Libya. This 55-year-old empire builder is a tough drill master, a rigid disciplinarian. He is brusque, even rude; he countenances interruptions in conference. Like the Rommel he outfitted with the aid of allied planes and warships, he likes to ride a fat tank or squat in a front-line trench. In saving Egypt, his offensive tactics were to have infantry gouge out holes, with tanks crashing through behind. Thus ended the axis march on Suez.

State Health Statistics Probe Ordered

Little Rock, Feb. 3 —(P) — Following up its defeat of a bill to increase birth certificate fees from 30 cents to \$1, the House today voted 37 to 35 for an investigation of the Health Department's vital statistics bureau.

Rep. Russell Turnipseed, Sebastian county, who proposed the investigation by three representatives and two senators, said he was attempting to help, not criticize, the bureau.

Arguing against the resolution, Rep. R. L. Wright, Clark county, said the bureau already had been investigated by the joint budget committee. However, Rep. Paul Van Dalsem, Perry county, who led the opposition to Wright's bill to increase the fees, charged an attempt was being made "to hide something over there."

Rep. W. O. Tibbels, Sharp county, a licensed physician, told the House that the bureau's employees were badly overworked.

The House adopted 59-4 its second proposed constitutional amendment of the session — one by Rep. Harvey H. McAlister, Craighead authorizing the legislature to fix salaries and expense allowances of circuit judges and chancellors.

The salaries are now limited by the constitution. Earlier in the session the House adopted a proposed amendment lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

Another constitutional amendment was offered today by Rep. R. L. Blair, Izard. It proposed to shift the burden of school taxation from the local districts to the state by increasing state property

tax levies for school purposed from three to ten mills but allowing a corresponding decrease from 18 to 11 mills in district taxes.

For the second time the House defeated a resolution authorizing a commission to suggest a new state seal. "Already passed by the Senate, the plan lost on a voice vote."

The estate of W. S. Jacobs, former operator of Club Belvedere and other Hot Springs night spots was injected into debate over a House approved bill to set a three year limitation on suits by the state to recover inheritance tax.

Rep. H. A. Northcutt, Fulton, arguing for recall of the measure from the Senate, declared that it was introduced for Rep. James R. Campbell, Garland, to relieve the Jacobs estate.

Denying the charges, Campbell said he had no knowledge of the bill before its introduction by Eugene Coffelt, Benton, and that it would not apply to the Jacobs estate. Coffelt also said his bill would not apply to estates coming under the 1941 inheritance tax law or to estates where an administrator was appointed.

The House by voice vote agreed to recall the bill.

Passed 76-0 was a bill by Rep. Ross W. Willis, Crawford, providing for a year-round open season on seining of minnows in his county.

An unnamed state "economy league" came in for severe criticism from Rep. R. L. Wright, Clark, in debate over an \$8,500 of supplemental appropriation bill for miscellaneous expenses. The appropriation was approved 72-12.

"We are being deluged by literature from this so-called economy league to do this and do that," he declared. "They ought to call it the tax dodgers league because it is composed of a bunch of the rich who do not want to bear their necessary share of the tax burden."

Rep. Marshall M. Little, Saline, declared there would be no neces-

Other States May Endorse Arkansas Move

Little Rock, Feb. 4 —(P) — Informed sources predicted today that some other state utilities regulatory agencies would soon publicly endorse the Arkansas Utilities Commission's challenge of Federal Power Commission authority over rate matters the Arkansas group contends are exclusively within state jurisdiction.

These sources, declining to permit use of their names, said the Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas utilities regulatory agencies now had under advisement a proposal to poll all other state groups for a public announcement of their position.

Representatives of the five state groups met here yesterday to discuss the proposal, the sources disclosed, as an FPC investigation of rates charged the government's Lake Catherine, Ark., aluminum plant neared conclusion.

One source said the meeting was inspired by the charge Tuesday by P. A. Lasley, special counsel for the Arkansas commission, that the FPC probe of certain phases of rates on power delivered at the aluminum plant was an "invasion of states rights."

Lasley petitioned that the FPC exclude from the investigation the

sity for the supplemental appropriation if unnecessary house employees were taken off the payroll. "We get in here and charge departments of our government with extravagance and inefficiency, and yet we won't face things and admit that we ourselves, right here in the House, condone what amounts to dishonest expenditures ourselves," he said.

Your Federal Income Tax

Clip Out This Article—The Complete File Will Tell You How Much Tax You Owe March 15.

No. 28 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

The Federal income tax return Form 1040, used by individuals, is designed to show, by separate entries, the various kinds of income most commonly found. Income from miscellaneous sources, including the net profit (or loss) from partnerships, fiduciary income, and other income, is shown in item 10 of the return form.

Where an individual is engaged in business or profession in partnership with others, a partnership return (Form 1065) must be filed for the partnership. This return is filed for information purposes only, as partnerships are not subject to income tax as such, but the amount of net income (or loss) from the partnership is reported in the returns of the individual members of the partnership according to their shares. This net income (or loss) is shown in item 10, and an explanation, with reference to the partnership, must be shown in Schedule I of the return.

In the case of trust funds set up for beneficiaries, an income tax return (Form 1041) is required to be filed by the trustee or fiduciary;

the distributable portion of income is, however, nontaxable to the fiduciary, but must be reported in the individual income tax return of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, together with an explanation (in Schedule I of the return). Such beneficial income received under a trust would be shown in item 10 of the return.

Other income to be reported in item 10 might arise from incidental transactions, apart from the taxpayer's regular business or profession; but gains or losses from the sales of securities would be reported in item 8 (unless the taxpayer is a security dealer, in which case the results of the business are reported in item 9).

In item 10 also would be included any income from gambling or other like winnings. Winnings from gambling, whatever the source or character, must, of course, be reported by the taxpayer; he is allowed, however, to deduct any gambling losses incurred during the year up to an amount equal to the winnings. A net loss from gambling is not an allowable deduction.

matter of rates charged defense plant corporation, owner of the plant, by the Arkansas Power and Light Company, a key firm in the southwest Power Pool. He acknowledged that rates between A. P. and L. and its fellow pool members for power generated and transmitted into this state for aluminum plant consumption were subject to FPC scrutiny. However, he declared that rates between DPC and A. P. and L. was an intrastate matter and previously had been approved by the Arkansas commission.

Lasley's motion was denied by chief trial examiner Frank A. Himpion without comment.

Girls Forced to Accuse Flynn, Geisler Charge

Los Angeles, Feb. 4 (P) — Errol Flynn's lawyer today resumed his argument for the actors' acquittal after charging the two teenage girls who accuse Flynn of statutory rape had themselves admitted acts for which they could be prosecuted, and thus had found it expedient to testify for the state.

Defense Attorney Jerry Geisler yesterday ripped into the testimony of Betty Hansen, 17, former Lincoln, Neb., girl, with charges Flynn was intimate with her in an upstairs bedroom of a Bel-Air house last Sept. 27 after a dinner party. "Her story isn't worthy of consideration," Geisler told the jury. "She was the most uncertain, suppositious, vague individual I have ever seen in a courtroom. And in testifying she has one of the strongest motives in the world she wants her freedom."

Betty Hansen testified that she admitted before the grand jury acts of sex perversion. She knew it was a crime, and had hopes of not being prosecuted.

He declared her testimony was "weak, flimsy and absurd" that Flynn's prosecutors "knew they

Americans,

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London by the Associated Press, said one cruiser had been sunk, one heavily damaged and 33 planes shot down in a Japanese attack on "enemy naval forces" south of Santa Isabel Island Monday. Santa Isabel lies north of Guadalcanal. There was no comment on the report from United States sources.

Like angry hornets, the bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command continued to harass and distract the enemy by raiding his bases on New Britain and Bougainville islands.

A big four-motored liberator bombed a Japanese warship at Wide Bay, south of Rabaul, New Britain, after driving off an enemy fighter. Results were not observed.

A report from MacArthur's headquarters today also had said Rabaul Fortresses had raided Rabaul itself, a vital Jap base for the battle of the Solomons, for the fifth consecutive night despite heavy clouds which hampered a check of the damage done. A Flying Fortress on a reconnaissance mission later was attacked by 15 Japanese fighter planes. The big ship knocked two of them down and returned safely to its base.

Towering fires were started by a Catalina medium bomber in a raid on an enemy airfield at Buin, on Bougainville island in the Solomons. Fires also were started at the Gasmata airfield on New Britain.

Naval units were withheld here because of military considerations. Japanese claims that two United States battleships and three cruisers have been sunk were described by a Naval spokesman as "grossly exaggerated." Secretary Knox said the Japanese were fishing for information.

Last night's communiqué reported that United States soldiers on Guadalcanal, smashing through stiff enemy resistance, had continued their advance to the west and crossed the Bonagi river, half a mile east of Tagasaganga. Sixty Japanese were killed in the fighting.

had to have Peggy Satterlee or they couldn't get to first base."

Miss Satterlee, 16-year-old Hollywood showgirl, accuses the actor of molesting her twice on his yacht during a cruise to Catalina island in August, 1941.

He said Miss Satterlee, too, had a motive in testifying. "Before she was taken into protective custody last October—and since then pampered, petted and coddled—she knew she had participated in a criminal act," said Geisler, referring to the prosecution's stipulation during the trial that she had an abortion in the summer of 1942.

Additionally, she had at heart the protection of a man equally involved who could be prosecuted two ways—for abortion and rape.

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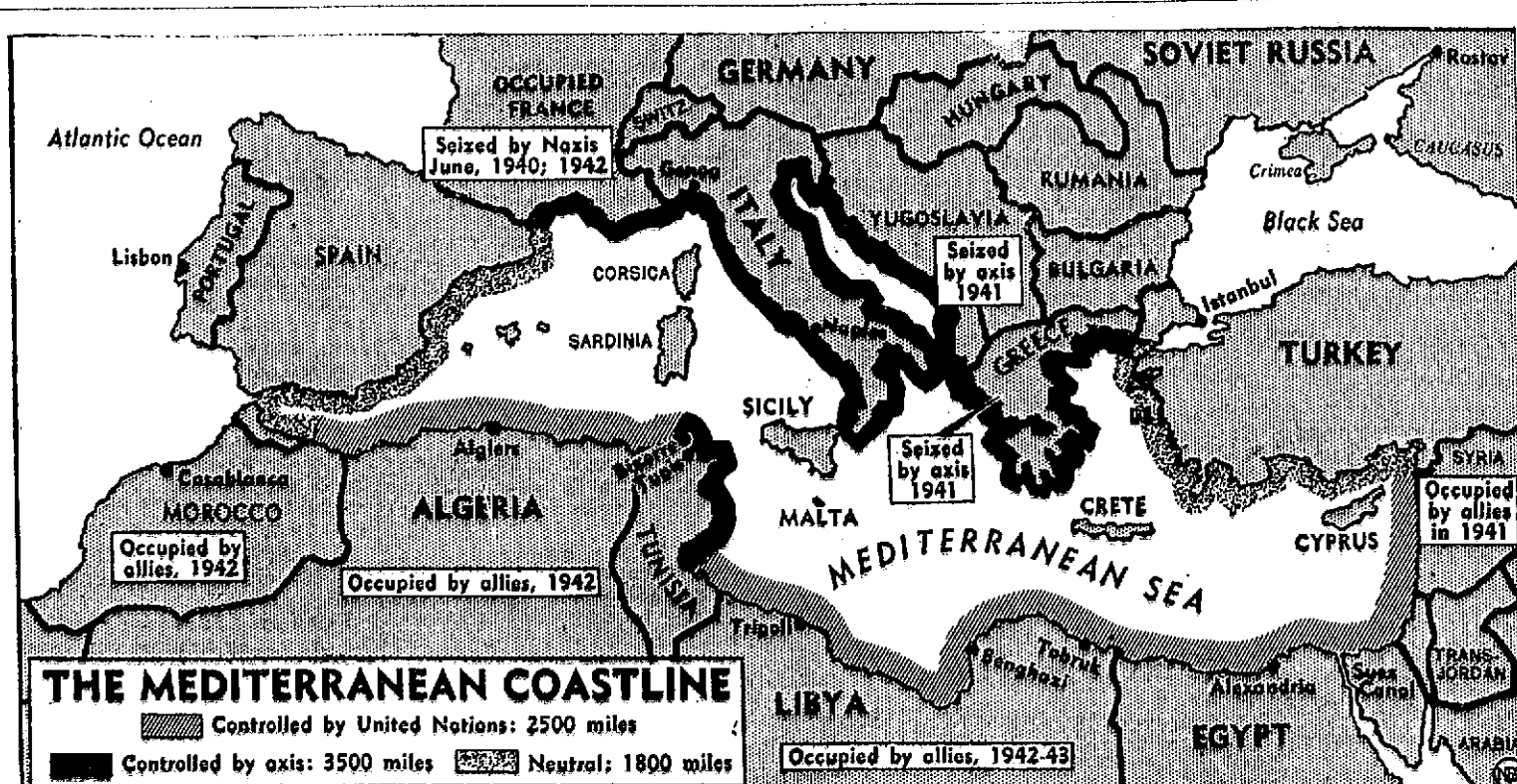
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The axis still has the most miles of Mediterranean coastline to defend following allied conquest of nearly all North Africa. Map shows how concentrated axis-controlled coasts in southern Europe are vulnerable to bombing raids or invasion from the long African shore.

Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Thursday, February 4th
A meeting of the Pat Cleburne chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at the home of Mrs. W. G. Allison with Mrs. Fanny Garrett, co-hostess, 3 o'clock.

Hope chapter 328, Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, February 5th
The Rose Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Tom Brewster with Mrs. Helma Benson as associate hostess, 3 o'clock. All members are invited to attend.

Monday, February 8th
Circle No. 2 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will be in charge of the Mission Study to be presented at the church, 2:30 o'clock.

W. S. C. S. Circle Three Meets at Don Smith Home

A recent meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. Don Smith with Mrs. Brents McPherson and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Sr. as associate hostesses.

Mrs. R. D. Franklin, circle leader, opened the meeting. Mrs. Edwin Ward gave the devotional. "Peace-Just and Ending" was the subject of the program presented by Mrs. Ernest O'Neal with

Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. A. M. Rettig, and Mrs. G. B. Lewis participating. A round table discussion followed.

During the business meeting the members present wrote a letter to a member of the circle who is ill. Seventeen ladies responded to the roll call.

A delicious salad course was served during the social hour.

Delegates Appointed by Woodman Circle

The Woodman circle met at the Woodman Hall Tuesday evening for a regular business meeting. After the old business the following delegates were appointed to attend the state convention in Little Rock March 17 and 18:

Mrs. Marie Coleman, attendant, Mrs. Louise Morris, guardian, Mrs. Nettie Wiggins, financial secretary, and Mrs. Katie Lasseter, banker.

A large membership was present for the meeting.

Coming and Going

Mrs. Delbert Case and little daughter, Caryl Joy, departed Wednesday morning for Kansas City to make their home with Mr. Case.

Ensign Earl Lee Archer, Jr., who is stationed at the Naval Air Station, Miami, Fla., is spending a few days with relatives and friends.

Cpl. Robert O'Neal has returned to Camp Robinson, Arkansas after a visit Mrs. O'Neal and other relatives and friends.

Pvt. Olin Purdie is up from St. Petersburg, Fla. for a furlough visit with Mrs. Purdie. He is stationed with the Army Air Corps.

Capt. C. J. Alexander and Cpl. E. R. Ruder, Medical Corps of the Southwestern Postal Wing Ground have been transferred to Jonesboro State College, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Our Daily Bread

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recent developments.

Goering, Goebbels and Hitler had selected Russia as the main target of their anniversary remarks, and there was no time to change signals. To be sure, Goering had an hour of unfortunate interruption in which he might have made some alterations or additions. But it is conceivable that the Reichsmarschall, between the hours of 11 and noon on Saturday, was more concerned with the protection of his ample and bedizened bulk than he was in the contents of his manuscript.

So when the all-clear sounded and Goering gathered up his speech and his dignity, his tilt with the ogre of Bolshevism went on as scheduled. While he spoke to the assembled soldiers of Germany's efforts in the East to save Europe from a fate worse than democracy, his audience must have been listening with one ear while the other was cocked for the familiar drone of enemy bombers. And while Goering held forth upon the struggles and dangers confronting them in Russia, the soldiers must have had the uncomfortable feeling that there was also some danger from other quarters. Significantly absent was the familiar off-stage chorus of "Heil Hitler" except at the very end, and Goering had to lead the cheers himself.

It must have been a bit uncomfortable, too, for Goebbels' civilian audience, who went through a second bombing as a prelude to the afternoon's main address. The Reich Propaganda Minister told them that "Our confidence in our soldiers is unlimited. Our confidence in the fuhrer cannot be surpassed at all."

There wasn't much aid or comfort in the message. Hitler, of course, told the old story of his 10 years of power. But for the first time Goering and Goebbels uttered some statements that bore the ring of truth. Goering asserted that "Nobody can judge those being led without always thinking of the leader. This exemplifies the relation between the German people and their leaders." He'll get a good deal of agreement on that.

As for Goebbels, no one will question his statement that "Battle" was the slogan in those days of the National Socialist movement from its very inception and "Battle" has reminded our slogan unto this very day.

At least one of Goebbels' sen-

"It Takes Both"



It takes both... Management and Labor, working in harmony and cooperation to keep the assembly lines going in our factories—to produce the necessary implements of war. It takes both... War Bonds and Taxes to pay the cost of these vital tools of war to keep our fighting men supplied. U. S. Treasury Department

Would Segregate

Little ROCK, Feb. 4 (AP)—A bill requiring bus and street car companies to enforce segregation of whites and negroes was introduced yesterday by Rep. Joe Foster of Lonoke county.

Ration Suit, No Kin to Zoot, On the Market

New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—Comes the ration suit.

No relation to the zoot, it is designed to end ration - book bulges and wear 'and tear on the wallet, pockets and temper.

That baggy old tweed you love can be adapted as well as a smartly - cut pin stripe. All that is needed is a few pieces of isinglass and a little stitching.

The procedure is this: Count your ration books, social security, Selective Service and other identification cards. Then have your wife or your tailor make on the lining of the coat front a series of slim, wallet like pockets, using the isinglass as the outside pocket wall.

It's New York's contribution to the Merchant Tailors and Designers Association emergency war conference in Chicago next week, and the brain child of its president, Tony Williams.

Williams said the idea was born of necessity because customers complained that their carefully tailored suits were being ruined by the increasing collection of books and cards the government decrees they must carry.

It can be chosen as common. "It is obvious," said he, "why our enemies storm against the new Reich as it desperate and from all sides."

It is indeed obvious, Herr Goebbels. And we shall try to bring it home to you even more clearly as the war progresses.

Garden Savings

New York City has announced that it is going to rent plots of city-owned ground to citizens who wish to plant Victory gardens.

This is an excellent move and a constructive example that many other communities throughout the nation might well follow. The man who raises food for his family is providing nutrition insurance for his family's future. And he is also performing a vital service for the war effort, since for every meal that his family eats from their own garden, a comparable amount of food is released for our armed forces.

There is also the important matter of the family food budget. By raising his own green vegetables, Pop can have the satisfaction of transferring part of the family budget allocation from "Food" to "War Bonds." Or income tax.

'One-Woman USO' Mothers 10,000 Anzac Fighters Visiting U. S. and Canada



Red-haired, comely Nola Luxford, guiding spirit of the nation's new Anzac Clubs, compares chevrons with a couple of Anzac air gunner-radioners. She has an almost complete collection of service insignia, presented by fighters grateful for her hospitality.

By NEA Service

New York. — She's a "one-woman USO" — big sister, guide, philosopher and friend to an army of some 10,000 young fighters from Australia and New Zealand, now in this country. She's red-haired, beautiful and brash. Nola Luxford, 12, Zealand-born American citizen, who is general chairman of New York's Anzac Club. Her wards are Anzac (Australian-New Zealand Army Corps) youngsters who are training in this country and Canada.

Miss Luxford godmothers the Anzacs with devotion, but without pay. As they stream through her domain by the hundreds each week, she takes them sightseeing, sews on their buttons, listens to their troubles, helps them write letters and buy gifts for the girls back home. Also she makes shortwave broadcasts and recordings of their voices to be sent to their families, 10,000 miles away.

Her experiences call for contrasting adjectives—poignant, as when a young Anzac speaks across the world to his dying father; humorous, as when another youth boasts over the air waves: "Last night New York had a black out. Well, I had a blond out," anxious, as when she gets frantic telegrams from lads after they leave these parts: "Lost passport and wallet somewhere in New York. Please." Or, "Am in clinic for overstay leave. Please square me with commanding officer."

The Anzacs are mostly in RAF gray and blue. Some are getting their

pilot training in California, some in Michigan and other midwest states, some in Florida. Down there, one whole squadron of Anzacs has married American girls.

Miss Luxford was leader in finding a home and headquarters for these visitors from down under. It's in the comfortable Phi Gamma Delta clubhouse.

The New York club, first of its kind in the U. S., is officially known as the "American Hospitality Center for Australian and New Zealand Fighting Forces." Similar Hospitality Centers have been established across the country, in Boston, Washington, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The University of Pennsylvania Club joined in sponsoring the movement, which has been endorsed by the Australian and New Zealand governments and the British War Relief. Sir Robert Appleby is actively interested, as are many prominent Anzac-Americans.

Like "One-Woman USO" Luxford, they believe the rapid spread of Anzac clubs is inspired by Americans' desire to repay the warm hospitality extended to our boys of the A. E. F. by the people of Australia and New Zealand.

An instrument has been developed that enables blind persons to make precision inspection of machine products in war industries.

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'I AM A MURDERER'

By MORRIS MARKEY

PEACE AT LAST

CHAPTER XXVIII

I HAD carefully prepared for the final vanishment of Vaughan Dunbar in my cottage at Gull Point. It had been a simple matter to dispose of my one servant, a Negro boy of the most elemental character, by letting him fall ill. His indisposition came from the rather generous dose of calomel which I dropped into the highball I mixed for him when in a particularly expansive mood. It was not difficult to persuade him to go to his aunt for a few days.

It was necessary to work with great swiftness after the game. Though, contrariwise, it was not necessary to prepare the disguise of Vaughan Dunbar with meticulous care. His appearance would be of the briefest time. He would not have to sit and chat beneath the eyes of people. Saving such as he might meet in the library, nobody would see him except from a distance.

And the dismissal of the servant Joseph, of Mitchell Grace, was accomplished while my face was still in the many shadows of that library.

So it was that Vaughan Dunbar stood, at last, alone with Norman Tinker, the sheet of typed paper in his left hand, the pistol in his right-hand coat pocket.

I called out very sharply to attract the attention of the people on the lawn. I held up the sheet of paper, and spoke to Norman Tinker, hardly above a whisper. "You knew me first, Tinker, as Richard Frye. Then, as Henry Prentiss. Goodbye."

His eyelids hardly fluttered. Even in that brief instant of knowledge that retribution was upon him, he seemed resigned. Somehow, I believe he always knew that it was to come to him at last.

The breakaway was not difficult. My car had been left at precisely the right spot in the rear grounds. The roads back of Stone House were a maze. I drove at great speed for a few hundred yards—made the critical turn—and then went on at more moderate pace, directly to my own cottage. I put the car in the garage and locked the door, leaving Henry Prentiss's coupe standing innocently in the driveway.

THEN I made quick work of removing Vaughan Dunbar from this world of men. In half an hour, Henry Prentiss was on his way to Stone House—in ample time for a dinner which he well knew would never be served. The clothing and make-up were simply stowed away in a drawer. It was not con-

ceivable that the home of Henry Prentiss would be searched—any more than that the home of Fred West, or any of a score of men would be searched.

The campaign signs which concealed the car and allowed me to dispose of it finally, I regard as my greatest inspiration. I had bought the materials in four or five different places, and painted the signs myself.

When I left Stone House—as Henry Prentiss—at 12 o'clock that night—I busied myself first with the final disposition of Vaughan Dunbar's clothing, the lenses, the rubber fingertips. These were cut and broken into small bits, and buried into a tight, small bale, and buried deep in a grave which already had been prepared and which, I assure you, can never be discovered.

Sometime later, I drove the sign-bedecked car in leisurely fashion to Garden City. I parked it, and got out, and started upon a long walk. I did not use the buses that were available, nor attempt hitch-hiker fashion, to attract the attention of passing motorists. I walked. The 10 miles of it. And got home by 4 o'clock. And was convinced that no living soul on earth knew that Henry Prentiss was moving about the island that night.

You may wish to know why I left the note. There were two reasons. First, I wished to fix the identity of Vaughan Dunbar in the minds of the people who had witnessed the execution. And, second, I thought of Cynthia.

I did not know, and do not know now, whether Norman Tinker ever legally adopted her. I did know that if he had made a will leaving his goods to his "daughter"—and if that relationship should ever be challenged, she might be deprived of the wealth that was hers by right. If he had not made a will, the natural assumption that she was his daughter would bring that wealth to her without dispute.

ON the day when Cynthia was to sail away to Hawaii Henry Prentiss sat for the last time with her beside the pool.

She looked for a long moment up across the lawn and toward the house. And she said, "Tell me something."

"Anything I can, Pretty."

"What do you think of me?"

"Why, I think you're just about the most—"

"Oh, please. You know I don't mean that. I'm not asking for flattery, and you know it. I mean—really! Because you see, now there just isn't anybody whose opinions I've got to look out for

and be careful about—like it was with the Colonel."

"Well, here it is, Miss Pretty, and on the line: I know—I know—that you will never, anywhere on earth, do anything that will make me feel disappointed or unhappy when I hear about it. And I'll hear about nearly everything you do, too. You can count on that. And you'd damn well better watch your step."

And she cried, and said, two or three times, "Oh, what a relief! Oh, Hank, you old idiot, what a relief!"

Henry Prentiss did not disappear from Gull Point. When the winter came in, and most of the people of Gull Point began packing their bags for the South, it was only natural that he, too, should make plans for leaving. For but a while, of course. He would return. There was still the lease on his cottage. People wanted him to join them, at Palm Beach and Miami and the tarpon waters of the Gulf Coast. But he pleaded that there were other obligations in other waters that could not be denied.

And so Dr. Pendennis Keene was born. And Dr. Pendennis Keene bought himself a yacht. It is a whimsy, of course, this new identity. But somehow amusing. It is of use in passing the time.

Henry Prentiss will go back to Gull Point at appropriate times (when Dr. Pendennis Keene fades into momentary retirement). His visits will be shorter and shorter. Until, finally, Henry Prentiss himself will pass from the scene altogether.

I shall be faithful in my pledge to watch over Cynthia—over the girl who does not know and will never know that she is not Cynthia Merriweather—but Cynthia Frye. But it will not really be necessary. For she is in good hands now.

On my table, here, is a letter addressed to Henry Prentiss and forwarded (by rather devious ways) to Pendennis Keene:

"Mitchell Grace and I were married last week. Is it all right? Now, I suppose, I must return to my fishing. Manuella has called to say that the big ones are running."

The eye has been offered up for the eye, and the tooth for the tooth. The hot wires have been cooled, and there is peace at last in my heart.

And so Dr. Keene—who is regarded by his fellow yachtsmen and fishermen of the turquoise bay as such a hospitable fellow—will presently obey Manuella, and up anchor, and bait his hooks for more commonplace quarry than, time since, he was wont to pursue.

THE END

T. Fenwick Sent to Navy Diesel School

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Fenwick have been notified that their son, Thomas (Skipper) Fenwick, Jr., seaman second class in the U. S. Navy, San Diego, Calif., has been assigned to a diesel motor machinist school at Columbia, Mo.

School Probers to Recommend Changes Today

Little ROCK, Feb. 4 (AP)—Chairman O. E. Jones scheduled a meeting today of the Senate's special committee investigating the University of Arkansas to prepare recommendations to the legislature on means of preventing political interference with university affairs.

The committee concluded its hearings last night after Louis McDaniels, Forest City automobile dealer appointed to the boards of trustees in 1939 by Former Gov. Carl E. Bailey, testified there were unsuccessful efforts of the Adkins administration to obtain his resignation.

The committee also questioned Dean R. R. Horlacher of the university's college of agriculture and C. A. Verbeck, former Fort Smith newspaperman and now a federal employee with the U. S. Department of Education. Verbeck served as Gov. Homer M. Adkins' publicity manager in the 1940 primary and for a time in 1941 held a newly created post at the university.

McDaniels said that shortly after Adkins took office former Senator Charles Frierson, Jr., Jonesboro, "told me that he and Senator (Mau pin) Cummings (Fayetteville) were making an effort to work out difficulties in reference to a lot of publicity during his campaign in order that there would be no tear-up at the main university."

He said he had talked to Governor Adkins and that he (Adkins) wanted Trustees Jay Dickey (Pine Bluff) and H. S. Yocum (El Dorado), but wanted to get rid of the balance (of the trustees). He said the governor spoke kindly of me personally but wanted me to resign.

"I told him I appreciated his interest but didn't feel like I was going to resign. I talked to our local representative, E. J. Butler, and he insisted that I not resign; that he thought Adkins had given him assurance he wanted me to stay and he was going to make him stick to it."

McDaniels declared that a week later Frierson called again and said the governor "had all the resignations except mine and if he didn't get mine by the next day he would introduce his bill for a reorganization of the board." McDaniels said he again refused to resign.

"The threat was that if you didn't resign he was going to the floor with a nasty fight and generally embarrass the university?" asked Jones.

"A few days later Butler called and said he had been requested to get my resignation and that he had told them to 'go to hell.' Bex Shaver (Lt. Gov. J. L. Shaver, then Adkins' legislative secretary), called and said he had to have my resignation and Butler said he told him to go to hell."

McDaniels said there was "no pressure" put on him to vote for the removal of J. W. Fulbright as university president "but on the other and, I tried to get some of them (trustees) to keep him." McDaniels said he thought amendment 33 "was on the right track" in keeping the university out of politics and that he did not "know anything that promises better."

Horlacher told the committee he did not think any state extension service agents had solicited memberships in the Farm Bureau Federation but that, when the farm bureau was the only farmers' organization in a county, agents were instructed to help it set up an organization to represent the farmers because the extension service felt farmers needed some sort of organization. He said the policy was to help any farm organization formed for such purposes recognized as beneficial by the extension service.

Verbeck appeared before the committee by request to correct a statement made Monday night, explaining that he subsequently had recalled details of an effort he made in 1941 to persuade some faculty members to sign a statement endorsing the university administration a time when it was under public criticism.

High Court Admits Two to Practice

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—Two Arkansans were admitted this week to practice before the Supreme Court — one a member of the national House of Representatives and the other a member of the Arkansas House.

They are Rep. Oren Harris and Lee E. Baker, Chicot county legislator.

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Hedy's Steady? State Senate Economy Group Wins by Vote



Hedy Lamarr and actor John Loder, rumored romancing, makes eyes at the camera at a Hollywood premiere.

Little Rock, Feb. 4 (AP)—A Senate economy group won a one-vote victory today, but precipitated a bitter floor fight by defeating 15 - 16 an effort by Sen. Roy Milum, Harrison, to raise the salary of a stenographer in the state auditor's office from \$1200 to \$1500 a year.

Milum declared after his amendment was defeated that he would seek to reduce the pay of stenographers in the governor's office to the \$1200 level. The budget committee had recommended that the governor's four stenographers be paid \$1620 each.

With tempers short and the debate changing into a rapid exchange of words, Lt. Gov. J. L. Shaver ordered a five minute recess to ease the tension.

Milum and others argued that a \$1200 a year was not a living wage in Little Rock, and that if other stenographers in the constitutional office were entitled to \$125 a month or more, the one employee in the auditor's office deserved the same.

Budget committee members explained that they had proposed originally to consolidate two \$1200 a year jobs in the auditor's office into one at \$1500, but Auditor Oscar Humphries said this would leave him short-handed and asked that both jobs be retained at \$1200, their present rate.

After other salary raising bills were lost or withdrawn Sen. W. H. Abington, Beebe, launched the economy bloc's main drive. Picking up votes from Milum's side, including the Harrison Senator himself, Abington shoved through an amendment striking out of the general appropriation bill a \$3,500 allowance for refurbishing individual offices of the seven members of the supreme court.

When the Senate recessed at noon Milum and other members of the bloc were busy drafting new amendments to make other reductions in the appropriation bill.

The Senate voted today to ask five members representing the Arkansas Bar Association to assist the land committee of the upper house draft a new state land law.

this controversy, however, members said a Senate appropriations subcommittee would continue its own inquiry into the manpower question, determined to keep a sharp rein on expenditures.

That group called Maj. Gen. W. D. Styer of the War Department staff before it and hoped also to hear later from Lieut. Gen. Brehon E. Somervell, chief of the services of supply.

The committee has received estimates that 10,755,000 men will be needed to bring the armed forces up to full war strength, although some members have contended insufficient manpower would remain in civilian occupations to keep the war economy going if that many were put in uniform.

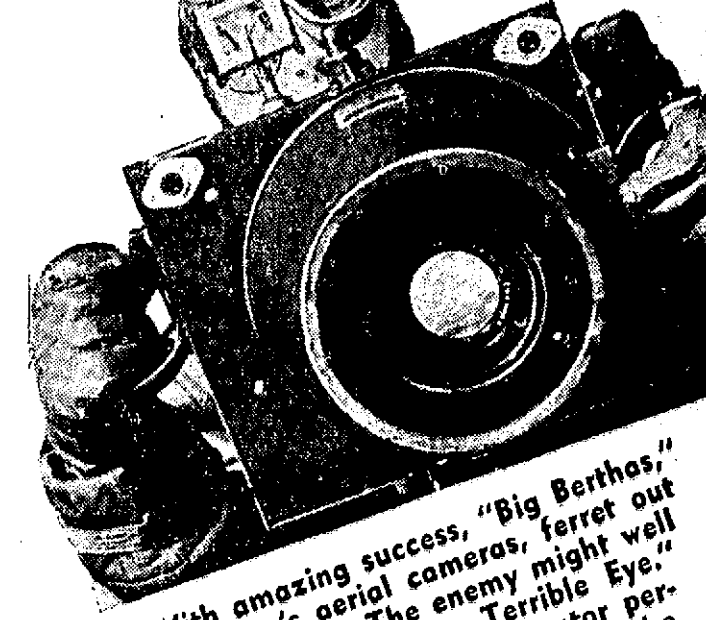
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BY EDWIN RUTT

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May take up nomination of Wiley
B. Rutledge to the Supreme Court.
Donald Nelson testifies at Man-
power session of Military Affairs
committee.

House
Continues consideration of treas-
ury-postoffice appropriations bill.
Foreign Affairs committee
works on pay-as-you-go tax plan.
Foreign Affairs committee calls
Secretary of Agriculture Wickard
on lend-lease.

Navy committee hears Secretary
Knox report in executive session.

Deaths Last Night

By The Associated Press

Dr. EARL F. HEDRICK
Providence, R. I., Feb. 4 (AP)—
Dr. Earle Raymond Hedrick, 68,
noted mathematician, faculty
member of Brown university
graduate school and former vice-
president of the University of Califor-
nia, died last night.

Dr. Mary Bradford
Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 4 (AP)—Dr.
Mary Davidson Bradford, 87, for
more than 60 years a prominent
figure in education and recipient of
the University of Wisconsin's first
honorary degree, died last night.

Dr. William arlton
New York, Feb. 4 (AP)—Dr. Wil-

Hold Everything



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get some fresh air!"

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Soldiers First, Cagers Second in U.S. Army Camps

Camp Grant, Ill., Feb. 4 —(P)—Soldiers first, and basketball players second.

That's what Lt. Col. Frank Bush, special officer in charge of athletics at Camp Grant, has to say about the Warrior basketball team. Midwestern fans therefore think Camp Grant's cagers must be terrific as soldiers.

For in their "after-school" occupation on the basketball floor the warriors have won 21 out of 22 regularly scheduled games—their last 20 in a row—have averaged better than 50 points a contest, and are the only team to defeat the University of Illinois "Whiz kids" this season.

Camp Grant's schedule is far from formidable, which is why less has been heard about the Warriors than the Navy team at Great Lakes. The Warriors have won many of their games from little colleges or small independent service teams.

Yet Camp Grant has also played—and defeated—Oklahoma, Loyola of Chicago, University of Chicago, Bradley Tech and Michigan State, in addition to Illinois. Its only bona fide loss was to Wisconsin, by a mere 38-36 margin.

All players have full time military duties at this recruit reception and medical replacement center. One player whose name was not revealed walked guard duty 12 hours immediately after reporting back to camp after a hard game. Col. Bush called the athlete in and asked why he had worked this long stretch.

"He said he had offered to do the trick in the fact of a shortage of men," Col. Bush said. "This was due to a heavy shipment of soldiers that day to another station."

Armstrong Signs for Bout With Garrison

Los Angeles, Feb. 4 —(P)—Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, fighting along the coast-to-coast route, and welterweight Jimmy Garrison have been signed for a 10-round bout in Oakland, Calif.

Armstrong has just had his tonsils out, and date for the match will depend on his recovery, said Matchmaker Jimmy Murray last night.

Armstrong then will fight Baby Breeze of Portland before heading east.

Basketball Results

By the Associated Press
West Virginia 50; Army 35.
Connecticut 50; Yale 40.
Dartmouth 53; Harvard 42.
Penn 48; Navy 47.
Princeton 40; Rutgers 24.
Midwest
Great Lakes 34; University of Detroit 30.
Olathe Naval Base 42; Kansas 32.
St. Ambrose 42; Augustana 34.
Emporia State (Kas.) 49; Washburn 42.
Missouri Mines 84; Fort Leonard Wood 39.
Southwest
Corpus Christi Naval Air Station 45; Texas 35.
Texas Tech 37; New Mexico 31.
West
Southern California 52; Occidental 20.
Oregon 74; Camp Adair 42.
Denver Uni. 61; Fort Warren (Wyo.) All Stars 50.

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"Blame the War and Pass The Aspirin" Should Be Hollywood Theme Song

By HARLOW CHURCH

NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Hollywood, Feb. 4 There will be such a thumping crop of headaches in Movietown this year that there is even some talk of aspirin rationing.

Despite the biggest box-office pay off in film history for 1942, and with every prospect of 1943 topping that many, harrassed producers indicate that they'd gladly sacrifice a lot of coin for a little peace of mind. The salary ceiling, curtailment of players' activities, limitation on the cost of sets, tire and gas rationing and censorship worries will keep the studio heads pleading, placating and pondering.

Wage Freeze Chills 'Em
When Boss Jimmy Byrnes of the Economic Stabilization Committee put the freeze on salaries over \$25,000, he threw a chill into the entire movie industry. Your big-money screen favorites are afraid to make picture commitments for the new year. And producers are afraid to make advance plans lest they wind up with scripts, sets, technical crews and a handful of notes from their players regretting that they have reached their salary limits and don't care to any more.

When a star such as Ginger Rogers, for instance, completes her first 1943 picture for her usual \$125,000 fee, she'll have the rest of the year of raising chickens on her ranch. This might seem to the average person like an easy choice, but actors and actresses feel that they must protect their popularity by being seen on the screen at least three times each year.

Worst dilemma of all faces top-flight stars of both films and radio—such as Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Jack Benny and the team of Abbott and Costello. The latest Federal edict says they can work in either medium but not both.

Abbott and Costello, who are the movies' biggest box-office attraction in 1942, have decided to play shows at training camps until May, when there is some hope that the foggy issue may be cleared up. Their studio naturally is pretty glum at the prospect of five months without its most profitable talent.

Agents Are Doleful
About the only consolation available to actors is in thinking of the plight of their agents, who always have been the objects of some resentment because in many cases they do nothing more strenuous than collect 10 per cent of their clients' earnings. The difference between a 10 per cent cut of the \$225,000 which Gary Cooper was paid last year in "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and 10 per cent of the \$25,000 which he'll get to keep in 1943, is enough to keep all agents' pillows wet with tears.

Material shortages and the ceiling of \$5000 per picture on new materials for sets have put a crimp in lavish production plans. Temporarily the situation is being eased by a Hollywood version of "lend-lease." For example, Universal loaned Warner an imitation naval destroyer and received a replica of a Hudson bomber in return. The dummy

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So will the remarkable naval gun built by RKO technicians from a hunk of oil well casing and parts of bread-mixing machine.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

Wide World Sports Columnist

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Fans Should Boo Coaches Instead of the Officials

By DAV HOFF

Chicago, Feb. 4 —(P)—Nick Kearns, the veteran midwest basketball official, tossed down his coat, rolled up his sleeves and prepared to take on an imaginary adversary.

"Basketball fans are booing the wrong guys," Kearns proclaimed. "They're pouring it on the officials when they ought to be letting the coaches have it."

"Here I am with the ball and you're on my team. I go to pass to you, and Charley is standing over there. I give you the ball and cut over and barge into Charley. That's blocking, plain and simple. The crowd lets out a yell when the whistle blows and the coach, the guy who's been teaching his team that very tactic for three months, jumps up and begins to scream."

"It's the coaches they ought to boo, not the referee."

Kearns said screening the practice of cutting in front of a defensive player and stopping there to keep him out of the play, is just as predominant as blocking in rules violations, but contended it's another price taught by "too many coaches nowadays."

"Doug Mills of Illinois and Branch McCracken of Indiana don't teach this kind of basketball. Their teams are too busy running around to block and screen. That's why you see Illinois and Indiana running up 60 and 70 points a game. But too many of these other coaches are teaching their kids to pass and hit."

And what do the coaches say?

"They tell us, 'call all those fouls for three or four games and you'll put a stop to it.' I say, quit coaching that brand of basketball and we won't have to worry about calling the fouls. If they keep it up, I say the crowd should boo the coaches, but lay off of the officials."

FDR Loses Sleep Telling All to Wife

Washington, Feb. 4 —(P)—Mrs. Roosevelt disclosed today that his family kept President Roosevelt up until midnight Monday telling about his trip to North Africa.

First, she said, there was a birthday dinner for the president and Mrs. Roosevelt. The president was not here in time to celebrate his birthday Saturday. "We made him talk Monday night—all about his trip all evening," the first lady told her press conference. "We sat up until midnight."

Oil and Gas

Lafayette County

Quitclaim Mineral Deed: Dated Feb. 2, 1943. Filed Feb. 2, 1943. R. L. Searey, Jr. and wife to W. T. Burton and Ambrose LeBlau. 1/4 interest in the following proportions: To the said W. T. Burton an undivided 3/8ths interest in the minerals under the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 35 and NE 1/4 of Sec. 36, Twp. 10 S., Rge. 25 West; and To the said Ambrose LeBlau an undivided 1/8th interest in the minerals under the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 35, Twp. 10 S., Rge. 25 West.

Assignment of O. & G. Lease: Dated Jan. 25, 1943. Filed Feb. 2, 1943. J. W. Love and wife to C. H. Murphy, Jr. SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 2, Twp. 17 S., Rge. 23 West, reserving 1/8th interest of all oil, gas and/or distillate produced.

Royalty Deed: 1/4 Interest. Dated Dec. 28, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. Bernard Smith and wife to C. W. Sharp. NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 24, Twp. 19 S., Rge. 25 West, also a 5 acre tract in the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 24, Twp. 19 S., Rge. 25 West.

O. & G. Lease: 10 year term. Dated Dec. 28, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. R. F. Allen and wife to C. W. Sharp. All land owned by grantor in the E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 13, Twp. 19 S., Rge. 25 West, containing 70 acres, more or less.

Royalty Deed: 1/16 Int. Dated Dec. 28, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. J. B. Shultz to A. R. Wherritt. NW 1/4 of Sec. 4, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 25 West. (25 year term).

Royalty Deed: 3/128 Int. (In Lieu of deed dated Nov. 15, 1942) Dated Dec. 24, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. Gene Goff and wife to Gilbert S. Johnson, Jr. NW 1/4 of Sec. 9, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West.

Royalty Deeds (Five): Dated June 15, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. Gene Goff and wife to J. M. Forgeston. 1/64 interest (5 royalty acres) under the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 7, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West. 57,950 interest under the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 7, except 2 1/2 acres, W 1/2 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 8, and about 15 acres off the E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 7, all in Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West, and containing 150 acres; 1/320 interest under the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 10, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West; 9/438.72ths interest under the S 1/2 of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 6, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West, 37.11 acres, and S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 6, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West, 17.73 acres; 3/128 interest (30 royalty acres) under the SW 1/4 of Sec. 9, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West.

Royalty Deed: 131/16000ths interest. Dated Nov. 15, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. Nat Hughes and wife to J. M. Forgeston. SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 11, Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West. (2.02 royalty acres).

Royalty Deed: 11/9600ths interest (22 royalty acres). Dated Nov. 15, 1942. Filed Dec. 31, 1942. Nat Hughes and wife to J. M. Forgeston. E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 15, and S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 14, all in Twp. 15 S., Rge. 24 West.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS

Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — When America's housekeepers are in the throes of figuring out the point-rationing system, trying to put three and two together to add up to a meal, they may take some comfort from looking upon the plight of Hollywood, which already has to plan its rations months in advance.

Hollywood is already sore beset by shortages — in raw film stock, in cold cream, in wigs, in lending men gone to war. And it's becoming more of a problem what to feed the players who are left — what to feed them, that is, in front of the camera.

What Hollywood needs for this task is a combination prophet-chef-diplomat: the prophet to foretell what foods will be plentiful at the time the picture is released, the chef to take what is plentiful at present and make it look festive, the diplomat to travel with the film and explain to rationed audiences that it isn't so, that those lamb chops are just ersatz from the plaster shop and Hollywood isn't eating better than anybody else.

Audiences are likely to be more critical of things on the screen as their pockets bulge with more ration cards. The diplomat could interrupt the screening long enough to soothe the customers. "Ladies and gentlemen," he could say, please! That luscious roast Mr. Pidgeon is carving — let me assure you it is but colored putty, so artistically devised that it had Mr. Pidgeon drooling!"

On the other hand, there is a school of food thought here that insists it would be sheer cruelty for Mr. Pidgeon or any other actor to carve even a simulated roast when meat is scarce.

There are some, even more conservative, who believe the screen should give up eating scenes for the duration — glossing over such lapses when necessary by scenes showing hero and heroine at the kitchen sink washing the dishes, or waiters removing their empty plates after the fact.

A meal served to Mary Martin, Dick Powell and Victor Moore in "True of Life" had a lovely ersatz sirlion as the entree. If their gustatory reactions seem convincing, it's sheer acting. But the studio has gone to work on a permanent supply of plaster roasts, steaks and chops, all though enough to serve for the duration, and varied enough so that audiences won't see the same cuts in film after film and start writing fan letters to

Bitsy and the Baer



Men of all sizes play on Uncle Sam's team. Max Baer, former heavyweight champion, squares off with Bitsy Grant of Atlanta and the tennis courts at Camp Tanforan, Calif., where they are in Army Air Force.

This will be all very well but there again you run into the need—less cruelly angle. Even notice smokers fidget when actors light up on the screen? Ever see the look in the eye of a man hungry for red meat?

Orson Welles will leave "Jane Eyre" in a huff, followed by his retinue in a station-wagon model huff. But they will all come back because the kinds of huffs Orson leaves in are 20-cylinder huffs, and he hasn't enough gas to get away.

Hollywood's main travels will be along the USO Camp show circuits. . . Ten studios will announce that they will make no more "B" pictures, but somehow low-budget movies will keep on hitting the

screen. . . Greta Garbo will clear \$25,000 — if she makes a picture. . . Certain actresses (whose names you may have later will marry, divorce, or have babies — or all three. . . Betty Grable will sing, dance, and show off her \$1,000,000 legs — and wind up the year with \$87,500 before taxes.

Quite a few established stars will make just one movie during the year. They'll take the rest in rest. . . C. B. DeMille will search the civilized world for a rare Dutch East Indies knife (flower, sarong, pinball machine, or whatnot for "Dr. Wassell"). He will then discover it in his own collection of curios. Mr. DeMille will clear \$25,000. . . Fred Astaire will have two new dancing partners, each more beau-

Rosston Soldier Is Made a Sergeant

James W. O'Keefe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Keefe of Rosston, has been promoted to the rank of a sergeant. It was learned today. He was inducted into the army last August and is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Apples first were grown in North America about 1606 in Nova Scotia.

tiful than the other, each more graceful than any he's ever had. Some 480 actors will read scripts for stage plays, all of which will be hopeless. All will say, "I'd love to do a play if I could find a script."

Monty Woolley will wear a beard, but Roddy McDowall will remain smooth. . . Paul Muni will wear a beard if there's one in sight.

Linda Darnell will have a romance. Betty Grable will have a romance. Betty Grable will have a romance. Everybody will have a romance.

Greer Garson, Rosalind Russell, and Jack Benny will clean up \$25,000 after taxes. Yours truly will clean up too — as long as there's water to bathe and shave.

ZOO NEWS



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Mary Lee Taylor's
Vegetable Cheese Shortcakes
Broadcast Feb. 4

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons cold shortening
6 tablespoons milk
6 tablespoons water

2 1/2 cups grated American cheese or 1/2 pound sliced packaged variety
1 cup Fat Milk
1/4 teaspoon pepper
3 cups drained peas, freshly cooked or canned

Turn on oven and set at hot (425° F.). Sift flour before measuring. Resift with baking powder and 1 teaspoon salt. Work cold shortening into flour mixture with pastry blender or fork. Stir in diluted milk with fork. Turn dough out on floured board. Knead a few seconds until dough is smooth. Roll to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into 12 rounds with floured 2 1/2-inch cutter. Cut 1-inch holes in center of 6 rounds. Put plain rounds on baking sheet and top with remaining rings. Bake 12 minutes, or until browned. While shortcakes bake, mix together grated cheese, milk, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and the pepper. Stir and cook over boiling water until mixture is smooth. Add peas. Serve hot between rounds of shortcakes. Serves 6.

*To Substitute Prepared Biscuit Flour for All-Purpose Flour: Put 2 cups prepared biscuit flour in bowl. Omit baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt and shortening. Stir in diluted milk and proceed as directed for all-purpose flour.

For This Recipe You'll Need:
IRRADIATED 6 sm PET MILK cans 30c
FLOUR 24-lb. \$1.15
CHEESE Lb. 39c
PEAS 2 cans 45c

Heinz Baby Food can 5c	Quaker 3-lb. Pkg. OATS 23c
P and G SOAP 6 bars 25c	Skinner's Raisin BRAN Pkg. 11c
Camay SOAP 6 bars 25c	Kellogg's All-Bran 11c
Qt. Bottle PUREX 15c	
Lean Pork Roast Lb. 30c	
Creamery Butter Lb. 52c	
Swifts All Sweet OLEO Lb. 25c	
Pure Pork Sausage Lb. 30c	
PORK CHOPS Pound 35c	
Sliced Boiled Ham Lb. 65c	
PURE LARD Pound Package 19c	

Full Cream FLOUR 48 Lbs. 2.19	Full Cream Sandwich SPREAD Qt. 30c
Full Cream MEAL 10 Lbs. 35c	K. B. (Pure Vegetable) 4-lb. Crt. Shortening 79c
Armours TREET All Pork Can 39c	Aunt Jemima MEAL 10 Lbs. 35c
Pie No. 2 Can PEACHES 10c	
Horse Shoe 100 Lbs. EGG MASH 2.69	
Quaker 100 Lbs. Dairy Ration 2.29	
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County 4-H Clubs Meet to Organize Drive

The annual meeting of the County Council of 4-H Clubs composed of 13 organized 4-H clubs of Hempstead County with membership of 1,200 met for a leader training meeting in the club room of the Harlow Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m. and Donald Perry, 4-H club member of Bleivins, S. Club served as chairman in the absence of the 1942 club president, Thomas T. Had Walker. Georgia Ruth Dudley served as acting secretary.

The meeting was opened with a song "America the Beautiful" led by Miss Christine Naugher, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent, with Miss Nell Williams as pianist. Introduction of all the 4-H club members and visitors were made.

The following clubs were present with their officers: Bingen, Bleivins, and St. Columbian, Fulton, Guernsey, McCaskill, Piney Grove, Shover Springs and Washington Jr. and Sr. Forty-seven boys and girls and leaders attended the leader training meeting.

Miss Mary Claude Fletcher, home demonstration agent, explained the "Feed-A-Fighter" program to the leaders. Each club boy and girl will carry special production projects to help feed a fighter. These projects will consist of production projects of food and feed that can be produced in Hempstead County. Pork will be the outstanding project and other production projects will consist of chicken, beef, eggs, vegetables, milk and fruits.

Mr. Adams, County Agent, explained the organization and launching of the campaign. Leaders that attended will carry the information back to their 4-H club and neighborhood groups and the campaign will be a part of National 4-H Club Mobilization Week which is February 6 to February 14th. A "Feed-A-Fighter" pledge card will be filled out by each 4-H club boy and girl. These will be filled out by the leaders and officers of each individual club. A plan is under way to produce 3,150 pigs to create the demand of pork.

J. O. Fullerton, District Agent of Agricultural Extension Service, introduced and stressed the importance of boys and girls being good leaders and promoting the "Feed-A-Fighter" plan.

D. V. Malloch, Farm Organization Specialist, was introduced to the boys and girls and gave a discussion of launching the program in Hempstead County.

Ordin Copeland, Guernsey; R. W. McCrackin, Bleivins; Rev. Beard, Bingen; Mrs. J. O. Johnson, Columbian; leaders from 4-H clubs took part in the discussion and pledged their assistance in the campaign.

A noon luncheon was served and the program at noon was presided over by Donald Perry. Rev. Baggett of First Christian Church led songs and conducted the invocation. A special solo was rendered by Rev. Baggett "Peggy O'Neil".

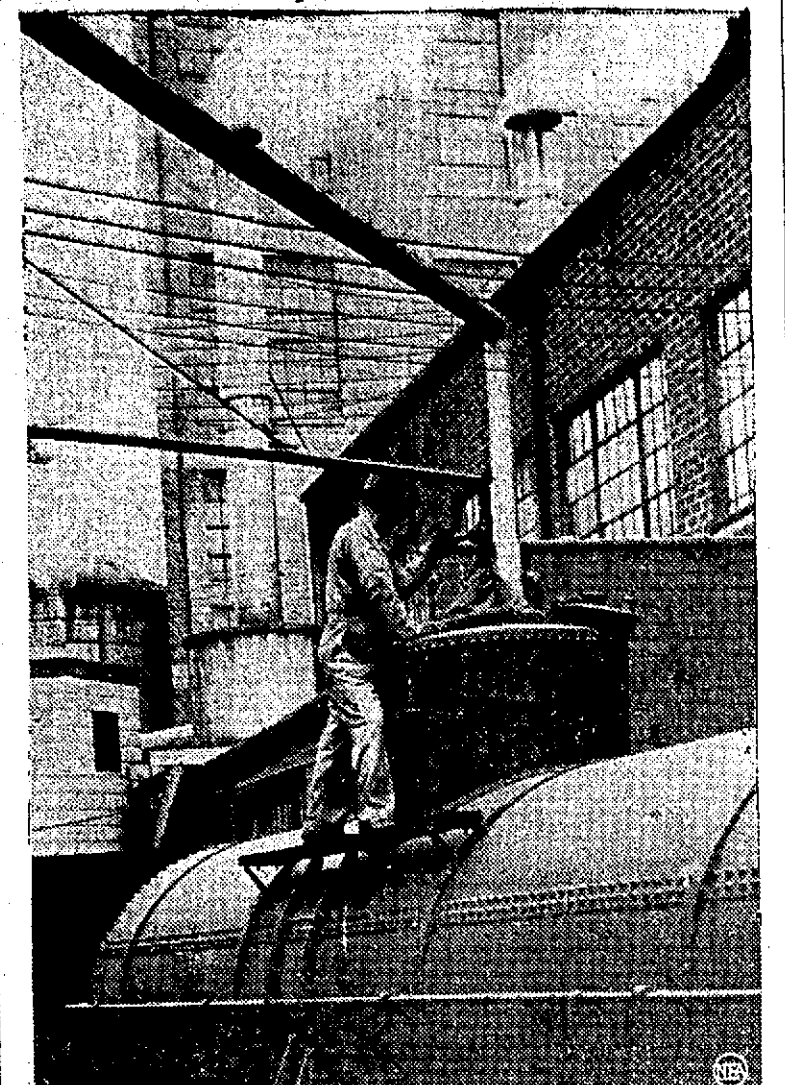
At the business session the council officers were elected for 1943. President, Donald Perry of Bleivins, Sr.; Vice-president, George Ruth Dudley of Washington; Secretary, Jean McIver, Guernsey Treasurer, Pauline Samuel, Bleivins; Reporter, Jamie Boyett, Washington.

The main speaker of the program was George W. Ware, Director of The Hope Branch Truck and Fruit Experiment Station who pointed out the necessity of good morale on the home front for production, defense work, and the value of the "Feed-A-Fighter" program for 4-H Club projects and boys and girls doing their part in helping to win the war.

During the day the outstanding 4-H club boy and girl who received medals were recognized. Margaret Daniels of McCaskill and Charles Thompson of Guernsey.

The meeting closed 2:30. Benediction was given by Rev. Beard of Bingen.

Rationed Drinks Help Distillers Mix "Mickey Finn" for the Axis



A workman at a big distillery fills a tank car with alcohol for munitions and other materials. More than 240,000,000 gallons of alcohol for war use will be produced by the nation's whiskey distilleries this year.

By NEA Service
New York, Jan. 26 —The alcoholic beverage situation can be summed up best in a famous curtain line once uttered by Miss Ethel Barrymore: "That's all there is, with the possible exception of some illegal free-lancing in the Ozarks of Appalachians, no whiskey is being distilled in the United States today. And while there is not a noticeable scarcity of drinks as yet, the fact remains that the distilling industry is completely converted to the production of alcohol for war uses. And every drink or bottle that passes across the counter means that much less in a reserve stock that isn't being replenished.

State Rationing Grows
Recognizing this inescapable reality, seven states already are limiting bottle purchases, in rations ranging from one pint a week to two quarts a day. They are Idaho, Iowa, Ohio, North Carolina, all operating government stores. Virginia has announced that it will join the ranks on Feb. 1. Many stores and bars in other states are finding it necessary to put a limit on sales to each customer.

These sales are being made against a national stock of 525,000,000 gallons of whiskey. That's a tremendous supply, but by no means inexhaustible—especially when you know that 100,000,000 gallons of that will never reach the customer, but will evaporate or soak into barrels while in storage.

The distilled spirits industry is now the largest single source of alcohol, turning out 240,000,000 gallons of this vital chemical a year for munitions, synthetic rubber and other critical materials. For instance, multiplied its war alcohol production ten-fold in 1942, and is now working on a 24-hour-a-day seven days a week basis.

Wine Business Booms
Wine is the fastest growing business in the alcoholic beverage field, but diversion of over 30 per cent of the wine grape crop by the government for making raisins cuts deeply in wine production. Shortages of wine tank cars and labor are causing headaches among the producers today. Yet the growing superiority of American wines, decline of foreign supplies, and increasing consumer popularity have boosted American wine consumption about 15 per cent every year since 1938.

Two developments which are expected to improve the wine situation are the gradual growth of consumer preference for better wines, and the entry of leading distillers into the wine business, which makes available their large-scale distribution facilities to bring good

Mrs. Webb Dies Today at Rocky Mound

Mrs. A. H. Webb, 58, Hempstead county resident, died at her home near Rocky Mound early today.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Friday afternoon with burial at the Snell Cemetery near Emmet.

She is survived by her husband, 3 daughters, Mrs. C. A. McCaskill of Newellton, La., Mrs. J. G. Milliner of Emmet, Mrs. B. L. Eubanks of Hope, a son, Simon Webb of Prescott; four brothers, Andrew of Emmet, Homer of Hope, Willie of Hope and Claudia Webb of Texarkana.

Says Hitler Murdered His Own Sweetheart

New York, Feb. 4 —(AP)—Ernst "Putzi" Hanfstaengl, once a close friend of Hitler, says in an article in Cosmopolitan magazine, that Hitler murdered his own sweetheart.

The sweetheart, Hanfstaengl wrote, was Geli Raubal, daughter of Hitler's half sister, Angela Raubal, and she was slain because she fell in love with her singing teacher, a Viennese Jew, hired by Hitler in 1928, Hanfstaengl writes.

"Geli died by a bullet from Adolf Hitler's revolver," Hanfstaengl wrote.

"Afterward, Hitler, in sudden panic, sent for Hermann Goering and Gregor Strasser, a party leader. Strasser left, grim-faced. Hitler's hatred of him dated from that moment; Strasser had refused to call it an accident."

Strasser was one of the victims of the 1934 blood purge that marked the end of Ernst Roehm.

Hanfstaengl, American-educated German who became the foreign press chief of the Nazi party, and Hitler's favorite piano player, escaped from Germany in 1937. He was later interned in Canada as an enemy alien, and was brought to this country about ten months ago.

Here's a Reason for Food Rationing



Wonder where all that food is that used to be on the grocers' shelves? A lot of it is feeding our armed forces—to make ours the best fed army in the world. Bombardier cadet at San Angelo, Tex., Army Air Field looks over the mountain of food he will eat during his 12-week training period.

Washington

By JACK STINNETT
Wide World Features Writer
Washington — The behind-the-scenes maneuvering that resulted in the resignation of Leon Henderson as price administrator may well turn out to be one of the most important political stories of the war effort.

Twenty-four hours before the quick exchange of letters with the President that terminated Henderson's activities, the New Deal war-horse had determined to fight Congress and public opinion to the bitter end. He had cleared the decks for action. He had tossed overboard his corollary price administration job as chief of WPB civilian supply. He had held a series of sessions with those labor leaders, economists and other influential friends who were willing to back his fight. He had held a more-than-hour-long press conference, explaining his views and vigorously defending OPA orders that had been so severely criticized.

Insiders say that he had then (and could have still) the support of the President in any fight he wanted to wage against Congress to save price control.

In addition to that, Senator Pre-

thankless task' of becoming Henderson's successor.

What then changed the situation over night?

Henderson is ill. Even if he had continued, he would have had to sacrifice some time to maintaining his health. The load of work and criticism he has been staggering under would have wrecked the health of stronger men. It brought a return of Henderson's old back ailment and damaged his eyesight seriously. But Henderson is no quitter. It would take more than illness and the threat of a terrific drubbing at the hands of Congress to cause the embattled 47-year-old economist to give up the fight he has waged so hard and so long to prevent inflation by rationing and price control. What then caused him to step out?

The answer is James F. Byrnes, the economic stabilization chief, "the Second President."

Byrnes knew what was going to happen to Henderson when the new Congress cracked down and as one observer put it, he knew that "that shouldn't be allowed to happen to a dog," much less to one of the New Deal stalwarts, who no matter what his faults, had given eight years of tireless effort to the government.

He knew also that in the bitter fight that was coming, the whole anti-inflation program might be left a heap of wreckage. So the little "Second President" shifted into high gear and turned on the heat. He overrode the President's

reluctance to sacrifice Henderson. He put Brown "on the spot" where he couldn't say "no" to taking over "the difficult and thankless task." There is a story too that he made a quick deal with the Congress farm bloc which may have far-reaching effects — may even eliminate the fight for a change in the parity law.

The result: There's an end to that get - Henderson movement which had snowballed into an avalanche. And one of the most colorful scrappers in Washington and perhaps one of the most misunderstood men is out of the war - time government — for the time at least. Those who know the President and those who know Henderson are sure that once his health is recovered, he'll be back.

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First of Two Articles TROOPSHIP!



Reporter Aboard Huge U. S. Transport Finds Ocean Crossing "No Rest Cure"

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Aboard U. S. Troopship, (en route to British Isles).—A blurred purple streak appears. This is land on the dawn horizon—an it looks like heaven to the sea-weary landlubbers in khaki aboard this troopship. The sooner these men feel the good earth of the British Isles under their G I shoes, the better they'll like it.

This trip is a former luxury liner, but there's nothing deluxe about its wartime accommodations. Officers and noncoms rate staterooms, every available inch of which accommodates bunks. The men are quartered where paying passengers never sleep—in multistoried bunks built into former saloons, in hammocks suspended from ceilings of sections that once carried cargo.

It's a tight squeeze if you sleep in a way-upper. You have to wait to pull yourself together mornings until the men below clear out of the narrow aisles. Dressing is unnecessary, since orders require sleeping fully clothed with lifebelts and gloves (to prevent rope-burns when abandoning ship) at all times.

Many of the men were seafish. Even a veteran sailor may be upset on a North Atlantic winter crossing. The ship lists with every zig and zag, and there's the additional queasy, nervous strain of a wartime crossing.

A tough sergeant, green-gilled, summed up the feelings of many when he grimly announced, "I'm never coming home if it means re-crossing the Atlantic."

Convoy Dining

Mess is the toughest problem on shipboard. The kitchens and saloons originally built to serve hundreds now must accommodate thousands. The men line up for mess in queues, snaking endlessly back through companionways. To accommodate them, long benches replace the normal ship tables, which are set, with the food dished out, before the men enter. The cold meal that results is a gourmet's paradise.

By and large there's little trouble aboard, though normal routines inspections and safety drills take of section-cleaning, guard duties, up time. Smoking is prohibited, except on decks and in the recreation room.

Decks are out of bounds during long, strict blackouts that start just before the northern winter early



"It's a tight squeeze..."

dusk and do not end until the sun, if any, is already up. Leisure time is spent in playing cards, reading, tending their hammocks and "bat-sleeping" (for those who have mastered the breeze) inevitably, since only the ship's tight-lipped officers know the speed, direction, location and destination.

Rumors Rampant

A troopship is Gobbel's Garden of Eden for rumors. "They pulled the ship out of drydock for this trip before she was ready." "She's the class is most vulnerable to torpedoes." "We were trailed by a sub all last night." "We turned back last night because of engine trouble." "This is the biggest load this ship has ever carried." She's dangerously overloaded." All these rumors are untrue, but all believed by some as gospel truth.

Of course, debarkation rumors are the oldest of them all. A recent

Punch magazine here has a cartoon showing Romans invading Britain in 42 B. C., one telling the other, "That's 15 seesterces you owe me. I told you it was Britain we were bound for." And about this ship at least half the men are "sure" of its destination (though even the Commodore of the convoy does not know the actual port before nearing land).

What with close quarters, rough seas, disquieting rumors and potentially close submarines, a wartime troopship crossing is not what you'd choose for a rest cure. So it's small wonder that sighting land causes high excitement, that bedding rolls and barracks bags are packed up and quarters cleaned hours before necessary. The men can't wait to get ashore, and they need not wait long. Ashore at the port of debarkation, officers and men have been working days on details of the convoy's debarkation.

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